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SUBJ: ISRAEL PERMREP'S COMMENTS ON HORN OF AFRICA

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1. EMBASSY FINDS COMMENTS BY ISRAELI PERMREP HERZOG ON
GOE POLICY IN HORN OF AFRICA (REFTEL) PUZZELING. HERZOG
MAINTAINS THAT EGYPT SUPPORTING ERITREAN DISSIDENTS AND
FORCING ETHIOPIA INTO ARMS OF SOVIETS. FOR YEARS, GOE
ONLY ALLOWED ELF TO MAINTAIN CAIRO OFFICE AND
PROVIDED NO MORAL OR MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR CAUSE OF ERITREAN
INDEPENDENCE, BEYOND SUPPORTING SUDEANESE CALLS FOR INCREASED
ERITREAN AUTONOMY WITHIN ETHIOPIA. IN FACT, GOE
BEGAN TO GIVE MORE MORAL SUPPORT TO ERITREAN SECESSIONIST
DURING SPRING OF 1977 PRECISELY BECAUSE, IN CAIRO'S VIEW,
LIBYANS AND SOVIETS ATTEMPTING TO USE ETHIOPIA AGAINST
SUDAN. THUS IT HAS BEEN GROWING SOVIET/LIBYAN INFLUENCE
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IN ADDIS ABABA WHICH HAS BROUGHT EGYPT AND SUDAN CLOSER
TOGETHER IN SUPPORT OF ERITREAN INSURGENTS, NOT VICE
VERSA AS HERZOG SUGGESTS.

2. HERZOG'S OPINION THAT EGYPT "TOTALLY IGNORING SOMALI
FACTOR" IS AMBIGUOUS BUT ALSO APPEARS WIDE OF MARK. SAUDIS
(STRONGLY BACKED BY GOE) CURRENTLY EMBARKED ON POLICY OF

COAXING SOMALIA AWAY FROM SOVIET DEPENDENCE WITH OFFERS OF
SUBSTANTIAL SAUDI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. SENIOR SOMALI
OFFICIALS HAVE PRIVATELY INFORMED GOE OFFICIALS (MOST
RECENTLY DURING MARCH 1977 AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT IN CAIRO)
THAT SOMALIA READY TO MOVE AWAY FROM SOVIETS AND GOE PLEASED
WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT.

3. EMBASSY REALIZES THAT ISRAEL STILL MAINTAINS LINKS
WITH ETHIOPIA, FACT WHICH MAY COLOR HERZOG'S
COMMENTS RE DRIVE EPMG INTO ARMS OF SOVIETS. IN GOE VIEW,
ETHIOPIA'S ISRAELI CONNECTION (WHICH STILL COMMANDS CON-
SIDERABLE ATTENTION IN CAIRO) NO OVERSHADOWED BY WHAT
GOE CONSIDERS STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF ETHIOPIA'S SOVIET
CONNECTION.
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